



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

MONDAY

JULY 26, 2021

6:00 P.M.

In Attendance:

*Mayor Shelby Wright
Councilor Eric Jarvi
Councilor Mark Cormier
Councilor Ivan McPike
Councilor Allen Esposito, Remotely
Councilor Peter Erickson
Councilor Christine Cubberley*

*Paula Scott, Town Manager
Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk
Amy Ryder, Economic Development Director*

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

D. NEW BUSINESS

a. Council consideration regarding School Funding

Town Manager Scott spoke on the increase in school funding from the State and that The Town of Newburgh has drafted a letter for the School Bboard to consider returning those excess funds to the Towns by way of reducing the amount of appropriation that we are sending to the School District every month and they're asking other Towns in the RSU to do the same. So that's what Council would be considering tonight.

Motion: *Councilor Jarvi moved Council authorize Town Manager, Paula Scott, to work with the select boards of Winterport, Newburgh and Frankfort to formulate a written request that RSU 22 return the difference between the original proposed budget percentage and the actual 55% State contribution for funding public education towards possible taxation reduction in the RSU 22 communities, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote 7-0*

Resolution: 2021 - 154

Note: Council will take a five-minute recess at 8:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

- b. Discussion on Broadband, *requested by Amy Ryder, Economic Development Director.*

Economic Development Director Amy Ryder presented an update on Broadband. After discussion Council consensus directed Amy to find out about the binding commitment of the bond; schedule a public hearing for the 16th and await confirmation and written intent from TDS.

- c. Council consideration on Remote Meeting Policy, *referred from Council Workshop.*

Town Manager Scott spoke with an update on a Remote Meeting Policy and presented a draft policy for Council to consider.

Motion: *Councilor Esposito made a motion to adopt the policy proposed, seconded by Councilor Jarvi.*

Motion: *Councilor Jarvi moved to amend paragraph 6 of the Draft Policy to read that all votes taken during any meeting, striking a and striking out using a remote method, will be by roll call,- (all votes taken during any meeting will be by roll call), seconded by McPike. Vote 7-0*

Resolution: 2021 – 155

After further discussion Mayor Wright called the question *to see if the policy is being adopted as amended. Vote by Roll call 6-1 - with Councilor's Cubberley, Erickson, Esposito, Jarvi and Mayor Wright voting in the affirmative and Councilor McPike voting against.*

Resolution: 2021 - 156

D. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk*

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